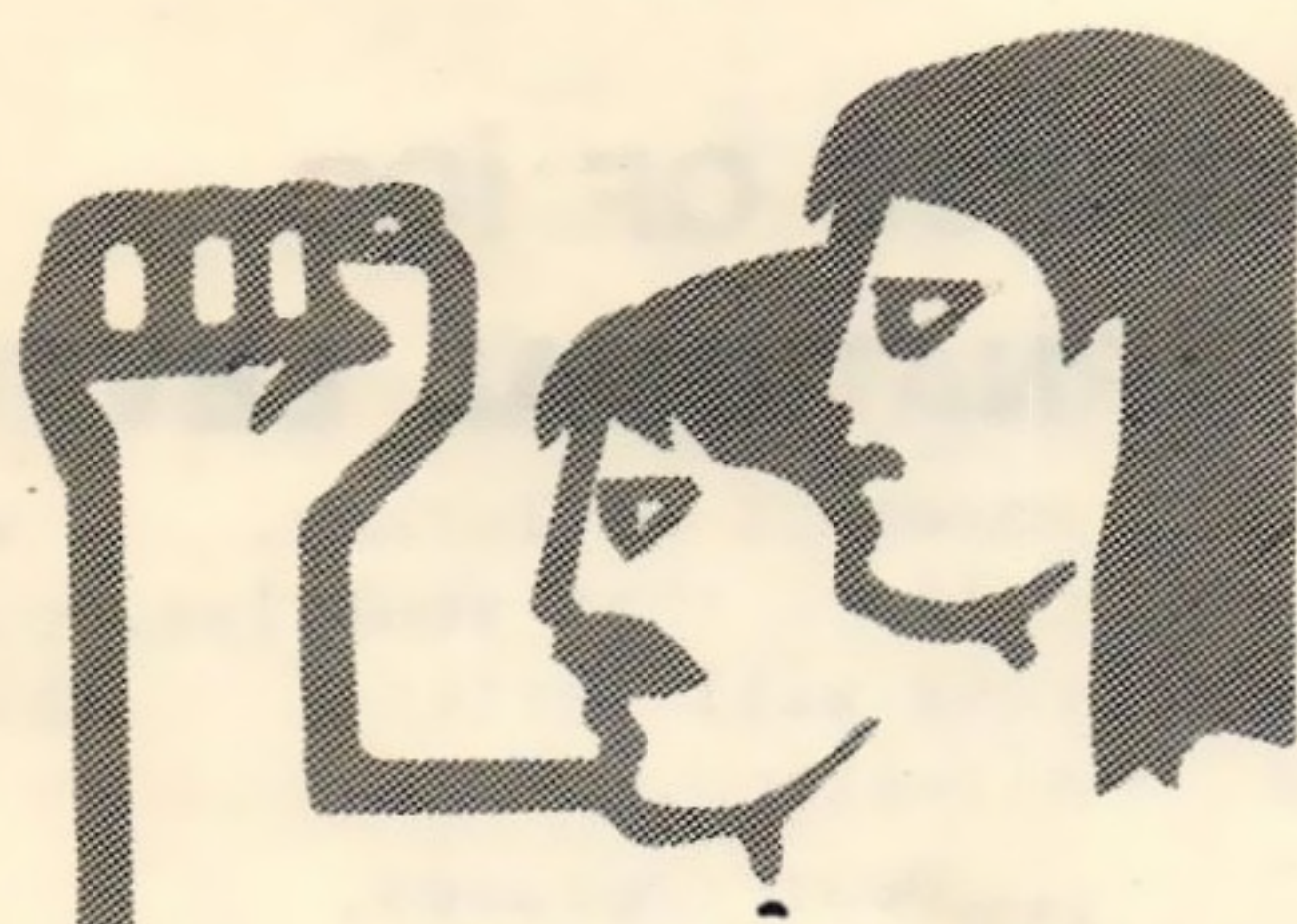




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İGD was established in January 1976 at a time when the reactionary - fascist coalition, the Nationalist Front was in power, at a time when the attacks of the fascist troops of the Nationalist Movement Party and the reactionary forces were in climax. In a period of 2.5 years of the Nationalist Front, more than 650 progressive students, workers were

killed and hundreds were wounded. İGD which was established with only 200 members has reached a number of 35000 in spite of all the terror and crimes. And for the time being 59 local units are working all over Anatolia. It was not easy for İGD to reach the present situation. 32 İGD members were killed, hundreds wounded, and imprisoned. The oppressing classes

as well as the anarchists, maoists trotskyists directed their aggressions to İGD. Some of the local units were closed several times. But the developments of İGD could not be stopped in spite of all the terror and repression. And the first Congress is an approval of the strengthening of İGD in the struggle for the noblest aims of the youth of Turkey.



İGD in May Day demonstrations 1978



Guest from WFDY is delivering his speech.

The guests coming from the brother organisations delivered speeches in the congress. Also the guests of other youth organisations could not participate because of anti-democratic rules.

WFDY: "Dear Comrades, On behalf of WFDY I greet your 1st Congress." "We have no doubt that the, 1st. Congress of İGD, will have a historical importance in the struggle of the youth of Turkey."

"At the end of the 10th Congress of WFDY, uniting millions of young people from 250 countries, have decided to accept the membership for İGD."

"Long Live İGD, Long Live 11th World Youth and Student Festival, long Live WFDY."

SDAJ: Dear Comrades, "Thousands of Turkish workers and young people have forced to earn their life in our country. These people are trying to live under the oppression and exploitation of monopolies." Especially young emigrants are forced to do the worst jobs and they get the lowest wages." "Our solidarity with Turkish workers and youth in Germany is rising day by day." "When Phalieu Metalurgy workers went on strike we were the great supporters of them."

THE 1st CONGRESS OF İGD

A FORUM ON INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

MJCF: "Progressive Youth Organisation and French Communist Youth Movement have a common aim, struggle and for the development of democracy and against the monopolies." "French Communist Youth demand that abolishing of the 141. and 142. fascist rules which are preventing the freely of thinking and organising must be get out of the Turkish constitution."

DKU: Dear Comrades, We know that you are waging a struggle under very hard conditions. I believe that it is not easy to construct a new youth organization under the continuous attacks of the reactionary forces over the progressive forces. The achievements of İGD has shown the world that the progressive youth in Turkey fights for the rights of the youth under the banner of the working class.

FSZMP

Dear friends and comrades,

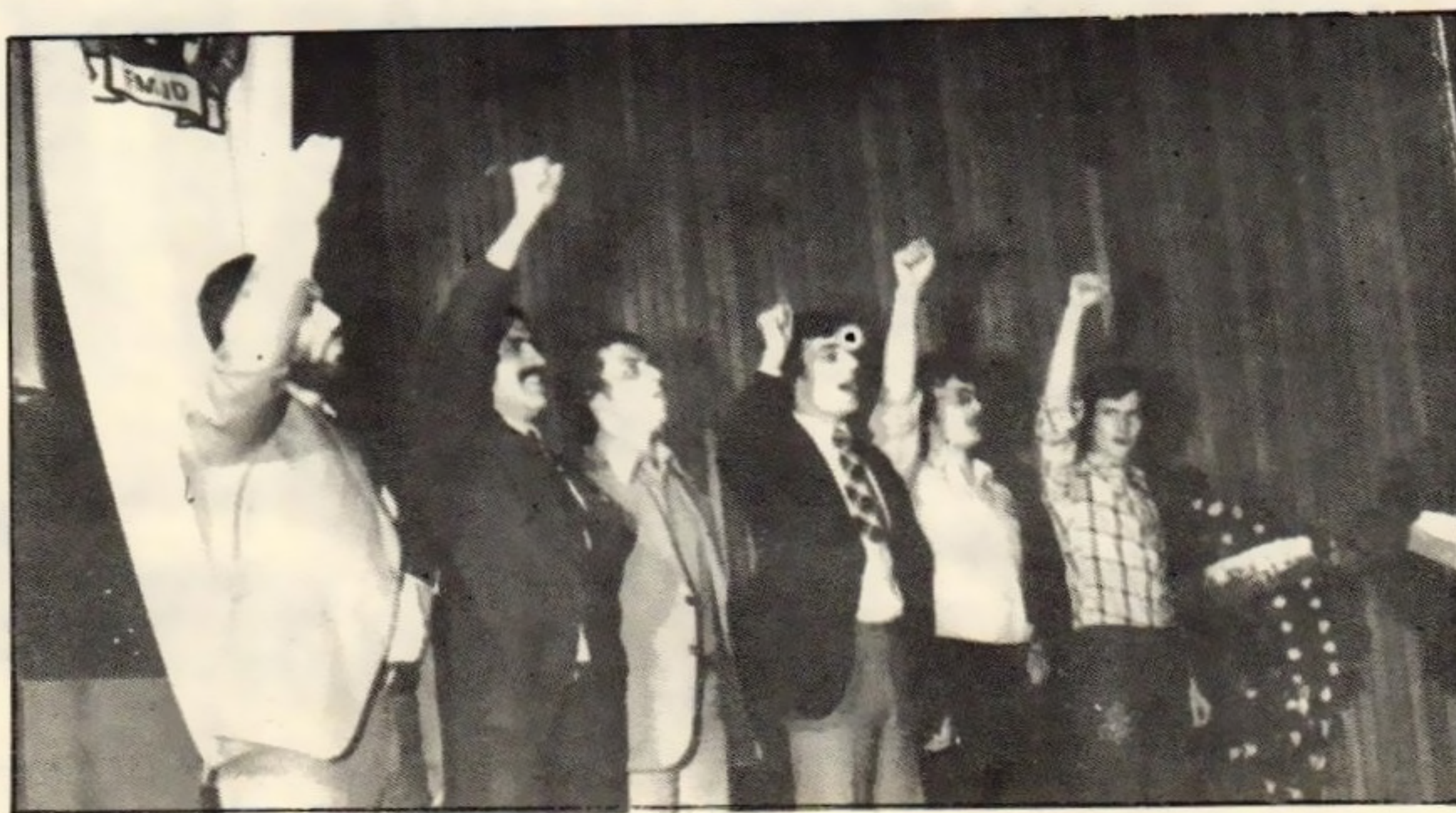
Allow me, on behalf of the Federation of Socialist Youth Unions of Polish Youth, to address my greetings to the delegates of 1st. Congress of İGD. İGD has become one of the main forces of the progressive

movement of Turkey. We believe that your 1st. Congress will certify this situation.

KNE: Dear comrades, On behalf of the Central Committee of KNE and the Greek youth I want to express warm greetings to your Congress and declare friendship and solidarity of Greece youth with the Turkish youth. KNE pays special attention on the struggle in your country, against our common enemy; imperialism, fascism for national independence, democracy and progress.

We demand legalisation, to the Communists Party of Turkey, and freedom to all political prisoners.

The 1st Congress have received hundreds of messages. Some of them: IUS, International Preparatory Committee of 11th World Youth and Student Festival Havana/CUBA, Soviet Union Organisations Comm., FDJ, Romanian Communist Youth Union, Czechoslovakia Socialist Youth Org., Italia Young Communists Union FDGCI, EDON (Cyprus), Colombia Communist Youth Union, Uruguay Young Socialists' Org., Iran Democratic Youth and Student Org., JMPLA (Angola) Communist Party of Turkey





At the opening session of 1st. Congress, President A. Muhtar Sökücü delivered a speech. Briefly said:

Dear Friends
Economic and social crises have not been deepened ever in the history of Turkey as they have been today. Unemployment, inflation, poverty have reached giant dimensions and none of the governments have been able to solve these problems.

It is obvious that the effects of youth on social life are very important. Contrary to some other sections among the youth like maoists, trotskists, anarchists the progressive youth, believes that the youth must participate in the struggle against the harmful effects imperialism and capitalism under the banner of the working class.

Dear Friends,

The first congress of İGD will be a forum for the youth of Turkey on the national and international levels. It will be a forum on the international level because we will discuss the membership of İGD to WFDY and to IUS. It will be a forum on the international level because we will discuss how we can explain the importance of Havana Festival to broad masses of youth in the best way.

Long Live WFDY...

Long Live İGD ...

Long Live Anti-imperialist Solidarity of World Youth ...

Forward For Havana 1978

THE 1st CONGRESS OF İGD A FORUM ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL



A series of resolutions were accepted at the end of the Congress. The most important resolutions are the following:

- . Forward for National independence.
- . To struggle against racism and national oppression on national and international levels.
- . Equal wage for equal labour.
- . To struggle against unemployment.
- . Problems of the peasant youth.
- . To struggle against the problems of young immigrants and solidarity with FİDEF (Federation of Worker Organisations in FRG).
- . To struggle against the problems of university students.
- . Declaration of 16 March as "The Day of Solidarity with the students of Turkey"

. Solidarity with Chile Thailand, South Africa, Persia, Cyprus and the youth of other nations.

. Resolution on the National Democratic Front.

. Freedom for all the political prisoners.

. No to the neutron bomb.

. Celebration of International Child Year in 1979

. Celebration of World Youth and Student with mass participation.

. Participation to the 11th Festival and informing the youth of Turkey an the Festival.

. Struggle for eliminating all anti-democratic laws in the Constitution.

. Struggle for the voting age to be 18. election age to be 21.

. Membership to IUS.

. Membership to WFDY

. Freedom to the Communists Party of Turkey.



The new executive committee of İGD



İGD theatre in "Solidarity meeting with the Youth and people of Chile"

CELEBRATIONS AND SOLIDARITY MEETINGS

İGD held four celebrations and solidarity meetings during the congress. These meetings were arranged under the slogans, "Anti-Imperialist solidarity and struggle meeting of Youth", "Solidarity meeting with the Youth and People of Chile", "Solidarity meeting with World Youth"

In the anti-imperialist Solidarity and struggle meeting of Youth, pantomime, folclor, theatre shows were exhibited. İGD chorus song songs and marches in

Turkish, English, Bulgarian, Kurdish, and Spanish. And a children's chorus song composed poems of Nazım Hikmet.

The second evening dedicated to "Solidarity with Youth and People of Chile" was celebrated with great enthusiasm. İGD theatre staged a play about Chilean People and tortures on Victor Jara.

Marches and Songs like Venceremos and El Pueblo Unido were song with accompaniment of all the participants.

In the third evening of the Congress the development of İGD since its foundation to the first congress was explained with films and lectures. After the film show a cocktail was held with the participation of the guests.

The last evening meeting was called "The Solidarity Evening With World Youth" In this evening a film was showed about the 10th. World Youth and students Festival which was held in Berlin.



At the end of the evening all the participants chanted "Forward For Havana 78"

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